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INTRODUCTION OF PAUROHITYA IN UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission propose to introduce Paurohitya (Vedic priestly rituals) in Indian Universities;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether UGC is considering for opening of such Department in other religions as well;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether some Universities have also sent their proposals to the Commission in this regard seeking permission to start such course;

(f) if so, the names of such Universities; and

(g) the details regarding the facilities extended in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (g): According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission, the Commission has notintroduced Paurohitya in Indian Universities. Further, at present, the UGC is not considering opening of the departments in other religions.